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- 1. GWERTZMAN HAS A STORY IN NEW YORK TIMES TODAY, MAIN POINT OF WHICH IS THAT WE HAVE AGREED TO PURSUE A RABIN SUGGESTION HERE TO SEE WHETHER JORDAN IS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE FOR A WEST BANK AGREEMENT. THAT IS ALSO THE LEAD POINT IN A JERUSALEM POST STORY TODAY ATTRIBUTED TO ISRAELI SOURCES.
- 2. I PROPOSE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE FOR YOUR CLEARANCE TO BE USED BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AT NOON BRIEFING TODAY:

QUOTE IT IS PREMATURE TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE ROUTE TO BE PURSUED IN THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS.

AS THE WHITE HOUSE SAID FOLLOWING THE LAST MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER RABIN--THEIR TALKS

WERE PART OF THE EXPLORATIONS WE ARE MAKING WITH ALL THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTIES IN THE AREA ON HOW BEST TO PROCEED. THEY WERE

NOT DECISION-MAKING SESSIONS, AND OUR EXPLORATION OF VARIOUS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES CONTINUE. I HAVE NO DETAILS FOR YOU. WE BELIEVE THE BEST WAY TO MOVE THE PROCESS FORWARD IS THROUGH QUIET DIPLOMACY. END QUOTE

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